

IN THE SENATE OF THE UNITED STATES.

APRIL 13, 1858.—Ordered to be printed.

Mr. BENJAMIN submitted the following

REPORT.

*The Committee on Private Land Claims, to whom was referred the petition of Jacob Washington Morse, "praying to be placed on the navy pension roll as an invalid pensioner for wounds and disabilities in the war of 1812," have had the same under consideration, and beg leave to submit the following report:*

The petitioner alleges that he entered the navy of the United States in the spring of the year 1813, and was on board of the sloop-of-war Growler, in the capacity of a purser's steward, at the time of her capture by the British on Lake Champlain; and in this action he states that he was wounded in the foot, and is now suffering from lameness in consequence thereof, and partial deafness occasioned by the heavy discharge of cannon. He further states that he filed his application for a pension in the office of the Commissioner of Pensions more than twenty years ago, but could not satisfactorily prove his claim on account of the loss of the ship's papers in the action above alluded to. The present petition was first presented to the Senate during the first session of the 34th Congress, referred to the Committee on Pensions, and by that committee reported upon adversely. The petitioner has now amended his prayer and asks only for the land and extra pay promised by an act of Congress granting bounties in land and extra pay to certain Canadian volunteers, approved 5th March, 1816.

The name of Mr. Morse cannot be found on the general roll of officers and men employed on Lake Champlain during the last war with Great Britain, nor on the particular roll of those who were attached to the "Growler." In consequence of this and of the insufficient and unsatisfactory character of the evidence filed in support of his claim, your committee are constrained to report adversely to the prayer of the petitioner, and asks to be discharged from the further consideration thereof.

